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Road Work Fails Again.

The road work has proved to be another flash in the pan, and the car load of machinery shipped here last week by Harris & Myers, road contractors has been rebilled to them at Covington after sitting on the switch here for a week, never being unloaded. Just what was the reason for so doing no one here knows. Machinery by the car load has been shipped in here by this firm three times to work with and it has been shipped away as many times and only \$1,000 worth of work done since they began in April. A few months ago they shipped ten new wheel scrapers here, a car load, had them unloaded and set up. They were here about sixty days, during which time they kept a foreman here at high salary. These scrapers, together with all their other new and expensive machinery, were then shipped away without the new "whoozers" ever having been placed in the dirt, or any work at all being done with any of their machinery. We know that the Court has done all within its power to get the work done, and the last effort when it made an order last Monday regulating the pay for this work, is all that could be asked to guarantee the pay.

There are men in the County who will take the contract for this work at the same price the company was to get. If the Court will advertise for bids again, the times will find a man in the County that will do this and the whole thing can be run through yet in time to save last year's and this year's state aid. Why not this be done, and done at once? It must be done at once to hold state aid.

Hog Killing Weather.

We had some real cold November weather Friday, Saturday and well into the first of this week. It afforded a most excellent time to kill hogs, and many did take advantage of the occasion and butchered them. No fat hogs should be shipped from home to kill when there is a home market for all the cured meat they will make. It saves the freight both ways, and gives the profit to the farmer who should have it.

Raining Again

It began raining Tuesday morning and kept it up until the drouth has been completely broken. This is the first rain for four weeks, while we have had no rain, there has been no lack of moisture in the ground and late sown small grain has come up well, not withstanding the freezes.

Majority But 33.

Caudill's majority over Tracy for Superintendent of schools in the county is but 33 votes instead of 60 as first reported. We make this correction as a matter of justice to Mr. Tracy, the defeated candidate.

Births.

Dr. Martin reports the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Green Fitchum Tuesday, Nov. 27.

And the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Piersall Wednesday, the 28.

The Red Cross Supper.

The supper given for benefit of Red Cross, at Clay City Saturday evening, was a decided success. It was largely attended by people from all parts of the County and every one responded cheerfully with donations. Some who could not attend sent their money without being solicited. The proceeds after expenses were paid amounted to \$61.00. Every one worked together and all feel repaid for the effort. This money will help meet the expense of the 2nd. 50 lbs. of yarn for soldiers outfits.

The Chapter extends its thanks to Mr. Hackworth for his generosity in furnishing his store room for the supper.

Our first box from the Chapter is about ready to be shipped to the warehouse at Cleveland, Ohio and will contain 36 Sweaters, \$5 Pair Sox, 33 Hospital Shirts, 12 Rolls Bandages, 2 Box Hospital Linen, 12 Hospital Pillows.

The units throughout the County, viz: Stanton, Bowen, Rosslyn, Slade, Lombard and Hardwick's Creek all gave good account of themselves in helping to make up these articles and raising of the necessary funds to carry on the Red Cross work in Powell county.

After the Railroads.

The State Revenue Agent at Louisville has filed suit for franchise tax against thirty railroad companies which have no tracks or terminals in Kentucky but which have continually hundreds of their cars here for which they are collecting rentals.

We hope to see the commonwealth win out in this suit as the old state is certainly sadly in need of more funds to keep the wheels of the Frankfort government rolling.

Kentucky Now Fifth.

Kentucky produced 25,292,767 tons of coal last year, an increase of 4,019,098 tons over the previous year. As a coal producing state Kentucky now ranks fifth with indications that it will go fourth in another year or two. There are now 500 coal mines in the state, employing 35,000 men. There were 53 men killed in the mines during the year. There mines operating in 28 counties.

Thanksgiving Day.

Today is Thanksgiving, and there is not an individual but what has an abundance to be thankful for even this sad year. In the performance of duty, we owe thanks to Him for His grace. In the neglect of duty we also owe Him manifold thanks for His loving mercy and amazing forbearance.

Bonds Received.

The Clay City National Bank has received its subscription of bonds taken in the last sale and is delivering them to their customers who subscribed for them through the bank.

Documentary Stamps.

After December 1st deeds conveyances legal papers of all kinds, and parcels post packages costing more than twenty-five cents toll, must bear a war tax.

Favors Tax—Against Bonds.

That State Road Commissioner, Rodman Wiley, favors the voting of a plain 20 cents road tax instead of a bond issue is very conclusive from the articles he is sending out to the press for publication. The plain road tax enables you to build the roads with all the tax money collected instead of paying interest on bonds with two thirds of the tax money, and using all the surplus in trying to keep up the road built with the bond money. Mr. Wiley prides himself that but one County in the State has voted bonds since he came into office. This does not signify that road building has been curtailed for it has not. It has greatly increased under his management, and he is doing all in his power to hold the back state aid for Powell.

Game Scarce.

Hunters report game as being very scarce this time. They also encounter some difficulty in getting farm lands to hunt over. Not that farmers care so much for the game, but by allowing the good men who are cautious in the handling of their guns, they open the way for boys and careless persons to hunt. This in the past has frequently resulted in the killing of live stock on the farms. This makes the farmers very cautious and causes many of them to refuse those persons whom they would enjoy hunting on their lands.

Tomorrow Last Day.

Tomorrow is the last day to pay your tax to avoid the six per cent penalty and six per cent interest. Every year quite a number let this time slip up on them without proper thought. This should not be the case as the Sheriff nor any of the officials are desirous to collect this penalty and it a matter that costs all those who so neglect it a very steep rate of interest. So pay up and avoid these unnecessary charges, and the Sheriff such petty annoyance, and yourself advertising fees later.

Merged.

The Clark County Republican and the Winchester Courier have consolidated. T. Sanders Orr of the Courier will continue the publication of the consolidated papers under the name of the Courier. Editor Beckner was already a far too busy man to give the time necessary to get out the splendid paper he published.

To Keep Record of Explosives.

Effective at once, all manufacturers, dealers, foremen and all persons handling explosives or ingredients of explosives, must procure license and keep an itemized record of sales, issues or other disposition made of such explosives.

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The Clay City National Bank has received its subscription of bonds taken in the last sale and is delivering them to their customers who subscribed for them through the bank. The first issue has not yet been received.

STANTON.

(By P. O. Derthick.)

Mrs. Frank Harmon left Saturday to visit in Irvine.

Mrs. Nell Atkinson was shopping in Lexington the past week.

Miss Mamie Derickson visited at Rosslyn one day the past week.

Misses Alice Childs and Jane Phillips spent last Saturday in Winchester.

Mrs. Tom Boone and Mrs. Gamboe were shopping in Clay City Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hardwick visited their daughter, Mrs. E. G. Cowgill, at Lexington a few days ago.

Frank Harmon was in Winchester Wednesday on a business mission.

Virgil Atkinson, of Bowen, was here on business Wednesday of last week.

Miss Kate Hill, a returned Missionary from India, will speak here this coming Saturday and Sunday.

Tom Centers and brother, John, left Monday morning, the former for Winchester and the latter for Cincinnati.

Miss Margaret Norton and niece, Pauline, left Wednesday for Lexington to visit Mrs. Callie Davis, Pauline's mother.

The writer attended the Quick and District S. S. Convention of Breathitt County Saturday and Sunday of this past week.

The writer sent the news notes to this paper last week, so it was no fault of his that they did not appear. The letter bearing them evidently was lost in transit.

Bill Johnson, who has been working in West Virginia for several months, has returned home to stay till about Christmas when he will return.

Larkin Stamper was loading lumber at Oakdale the past week. He has put up his saw mill on Daddy Clark's place and will soon be ready to saw the logs piling up.

Miss Anna Clark, of Henry county, is here visiting her many friends. She informs us that her folks will move to Stanton soon as they get possession of their farm.

Mrs. Fred Ware, and baby, of Winchester, visited with home folks this past week. Accompanied by Mabel Boone they also visited their sister, Mrs. Walter Thacker, at Bowen.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Chaney, of Campton Jet., have moved to Stanton and are living with their daughter, Mrs. Lennie Crow. Mr. Chaney will assist Lennie Crow in the depot this winter.

Mrs. Lee Jackson and son, Linwood, of Louisville, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Welch, and other friends for a few weeks. Mr. Jackson will arrive about December 6th. for a visit.

Mrs. Hattie Cowgill, of Lexington.

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Denounces Chain Letters.

In spite of previous announcements that the American Red Cross does not approve the chain-letter system of raising money, and that it has never authorized any chain-letter promoters to use the name of the Red Cross in any way, letters of this nature are in circulation and many copies of them have been forwarded to National Headquarters for explanation.

The American Red Cross reiterates that no chain-letter project has its approval. While some of these schemes may have been started in good faith, mention of the Red Cross is not warranted. Red Cross members, and the public in general, are warned that there is no assurance that donations in response to any chain-letters will reach the Red Cross treasury, and are urged to pay no attention to such appeals, whose sincerity is always open to doubt.

Aid to the American Red Cross should always be furnished through recognized channels, if the donor wishes to be assured that his gift is to reach the object intended.

Exempted from War Tax.

By a ruling of Secretary McAdoo, all state officials and employees traveling for the state on business, will be exempted from paying the new revenue war tax imposed upon railroad traffic. Telephone, telegraph messages and freight business for the state are also exempted from tax. This means the saving of several thousand dollars for the state.

Edwin Rose had two valuable steers to get tangled up in some logs in the river Thursday. One of them drowned before help could get to it.

Lyle Kennon, of Mt. Sterling is here to see his brother, R. T. Kennon at Vaughn's Mill whose condition from rheumatism is very critical.

H. G. Garrett, of the State Railroad Commission, and president of the Brodhead Garrett Company, was here Wednesday.

James Anderson, of Montgomery county, is with friends near the city to enjoy a few days among the birds.

J. A. Bowen, Powell county's only coal miner, was in town Friday making quick disposal of a car of coal.

L. P. Keith, general manager the Brodhead Garrett Company, is moving over the company's office.

R. H. Curtis, of Winchester, was here Thursday to dispose of an interest in a crop of corn near here.

More wheat has been sown in Powell county this fall than any time previous for twenty years past.

Tom and Allen Rose, of Ravena, visited their mother, Mrs. M. Rose a few days ago.

B. M. McPherson, of Winchester, was here Friday on a business mission.

Dr. H. Winburn, of Trapp, was in the city Monday.